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SUBJ: LAWS GOVERNING FIREARM IMPORTATION

REF: STATE 177789

1. FOLLOWING KEYED TO QUESTIONS IN PARAGRAPH 2 REFTEL:

(A) A "FIREARM IMPORT PERMIT" IS REQUIRED FOR THE IMPORTATION OF ARMS OR AMMUNITION INTO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

(B) THIS PERMIT IS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

(C) ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE SUCH A PERMIT IS ALWAYS RESTRICTED TO THOSE HOLDING A FIREARM DEALER'S LICENSE, A FIREARM USER'S LICENSE, OR A FIREARM USER'S (EMPLOYEE'S) CERTIFICATE (LATTER TWO WOULD BE IN CASE OF INDIVIDUALS ENTERING OR RETURNING TO TRINIDAD WITH ARMS OR AMMUNITION, AS WELL AS CASE OF AN INDIVIDUAL ORDERING DIRECTLY FROM ABROAD). A FIREARM DEALER'S LICENSE IS ALSO ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, AND MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY. ORIGINAL OF FIREARM IMPORT PERMIT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO LOCAL CUSTOMS IN ORDER TO CLEAR INCOMING SHIPMENT, BUT A COPY COULD EASILY BE SUBMITTED BY IMPORTER TO U.S. EXPORTER IN ORDER TO OBTAIN MC EXPORT LICENSE.

2. WITH REGARD TO PARAGRAPH 3 REFTEL, TRINIDAD AUTHORITIES HAVE MAINTAINED SINCE PASSAGE OF 1970 LAW FAIRLY STRICT CONTROL OVER ARMS AND AMMUNITION, ALTHOUGH IT IS SUS-  
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SPECTED THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF UNREGISTERED OR STOLEN

WEAPONS IN THE HANDS OF VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS. GUN DEALERS  
AND GUNSMITHS ARE REQUIRED TO RECORD ALL TRANSACTION,  
AND INDIVIDUAL OWNERS OF WEAPONS OR AMMUNITION ARE  
REQUIRED TO HOLD A FIREARM USER'S LICENSE. INDIVIDUALS  
HANDLING WEAPONS THEY DO NOT NECESSARILY OWN (SECURITY  
GUARDS, ETC.) ARE REQUIRED TO HOLD A FIREARM USER'S  
(EMPLOYEE'S) CERTIFICATE.

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